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## GOD IS ONE

***Your God is One God. There is no god but Him. (Qur'an, 2:163)***

***. "He is God, Absolute Oneness." (Qur'an, 112:1)***

### **New Testament**

... The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. You are right in saying that God is One, and there is no other but Him. (Mark 12:29, 30, 32)

### **Old Testament**

"There is no one like You, O Lord, and there is no God but You." (1 Chronicles 17:20)

You were shown these things so that you might know that the Lord is God; besides Him, there is no other. (Deuteronomy 4:35)



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## GOD IS THE LORD OF EVERYTHING

***Your God is One: Lord of the heavens and Earth, and of everything between them; Lord of the Easts. (Qur'an, 37: 4-5)***

### **New Testament**

"Sovereign Lord," they said, "You made Heaven and Earth and the sea, and everything in them." (Acts 4:24)



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## TO WORSHIP ONLY GOD

***Say: "People of the Book! Come to a proposition that is the same for us and you-that we should worship none but God, not associate any partners with Him, and not take one another as lords besides God..." (Qur'an, 3:64)***

### **New Testament**

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only." (Matthew 4:10)

### **Old Testament**

But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you, and go off to serve other deities and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land... (2 Chronicles 7:19-20)



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## TO EXALT GOD

**. All might belongs to God. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. (Qur'an, 10:65)**

**[He is] the Possessor of the Throne, the All-Glorious. (Qur'an, 85:15)**

**Glorify the Name of your Lord, the Most High. (Qur'an, 87:1)**

### New Testament

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever... (1 Timothy 1:17)

### Old Testament

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in Heaven and Earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. (1 Chronicles 29:11-13)

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength (1 Chronicles 16:28)



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## TO BE THANKFUL TO GOD

**Praise be to God, to Whom everything in the heavens and everything in the earth belongs, and praise be to Him in the Hereafter... (Qur'an, 34:1)**

### Old Testament

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. (Psalm 100:4)

Praise the Lord... (Psalm 113:1)

I thank and praise You... (Daniel 2:23)

We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks... (Psalm 75:1)



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## GOD'S NAMES

**He is God-there is no god but Him. He is the Knower of the Unseen and the Visible. He is the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. He is God-there is no god but Him. He is the King, the Most Pure, the Perfect Peace, the Trustworthy, the Safeguarder, the Almighty, the Compeller, the Supremely Great. Glory be to God above all they associate with Him. He is God-the Creator, the Maker, the Giver of Form. To Him belong the Most Beautiful Names. Everything in the heavens and earth glorifies Him. He is the Almighty, the All-Wise. (Qur'an, 59:22-24)**

**The kingdom of the heavens and Earth belongs to Him. He gives life and causes to die. He has**

**power over all things. He is the First and the Last, the Outward and the Inward. He has knowledge of all things. It is He Who created the heavens and Earth in six days, then established Himself firmly on the Throne. He knows what goes into the earth and what comes out of it, what comes down from heaven and what goes up into it. He is with you wherever you are-God sees what you do. The kingdom of the heavens and Earth belongs to Him. All things return to God. He makes night merge into day and day merge into night. He knows what the heart contains. (Qur'an, 57:2-6)**

### **Old Testament**

The Maker of heaven and Earth, the sea, and everything in them-the Lord... (Psalm 146:6)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. (Psalm 145:3)

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all... (Psalm 145:8-9)

The Lord is righteous in all of His ways and loving toward all that He has made. (Psalm 145:17)

The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked He will destroy. (Psalm 145:20)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. (Psalm 103:8)

... Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are His. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him. (Daniel 2:20-22)

Know that the Lord is God. It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people. (Psalm 100:3)

## **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISE**

**... Who is truer to his contract than God?... (Qur'an, 9:111)**

### **Old Testament**

...You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled... (Joshua 23:14)

## **GOD ENCOMPASSES EVERYTHING**

**Unquestionably, He encompasses everything. (Qur'an, 41:54)**

**Both East and West belong to God, so wherever you turn, the Face of God is there. God is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing. (Qur'an, 2:115)**

### **Old Testament**

If I go up to the heavens, You are there., you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me... (Psalm 139:8-10)



## GOD KNOWS EVERY CONCEALED SECRET

***Everything in the heavens and everything on Earth, and everything in between them and everything under the ground, belongs to Him. Though you speak out loud, He knows your secrets and what is even more concealed. (Qur'an, 20:6-7)***

***You do not engage in any matter or recite any of the Qur'an or do any action without Our witnessing you while you are occupied with it. Not even the smallest speck eludes your Lord, either on Earth or in Heaven. Nor is there anything smaller than that, or larger, which is not in a Clear Book. (Qur'an, 10:61)***

### Old Testament

You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, You know it completely, O Lord. (Psalm 139:2-4)



## THOSE WHO ABANDON GOD FOR IDOLS

***He [Abraham] said: "You have adopted idols apart from God as tokens of mutual affection in this world. But then on the Day of Resurrection you will reject one another and curse one another. The Fire will be your shelter. You will have no helpers." (Qur'an, 29:25)***

***Your Lord creates and chooses whatever He wills. The choice is not theirs. Glory be to God! He is exalted above anything they associate with Him! (Qur'an, 28:68)***

***Those you call on besides God are servants just like yourselves. Call on them and let them respond to you if you are telling the truth. (Qur'an, 7:194)***

### New Testament

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-Who is forever praised... (Romans 1:25)

### Old Testament

But you have forsaken Me and served other deities.... Go and cry out to the deities you have chosen. Let them save you when you are in trouble!" (Judges 10:13-14)

Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals [idols]. They forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, Who had brought them out of Egypt. ... [T]hey forsook Him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths [other deities]. (Judges 2:11-13)



## SEEKING GOD'S GOOD PLEASURE, NOT PEOPLE'S

***They swear to you by God in order to please you, but it would be more fitting for them to please God and His Messenger if they are believers. (Qur'an, 9:62)***

### New Testament

On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, Who tests our hearts. (1 Thessalonians 2:4)



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## SUBMITTING TO GOD'S REVELATION

***Follow the best that has been sent down to you from your Lord before the punishment comes upon you suddenly, when you are not expecting it. (Qur'an, 39:55)***

***Follow what has been revealed to you from your Lord. God is aware of what you do. (Qur'an, 33:2)***

### New Testament

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. (James 1:21)

### Old Testament

Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds, but would keep His commands. (Psalm 78:7)

He follows my decrees and faithfully keeps my laws. That man is righteous... (Ezekiel 18:9)



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## TURNING TO GOD

***Remember the Name of your Lord, and devote yourself to Him completely. (Qur'an, 73:8)***

***[People of intelligence are] those who are steadfast in seeking the face of their Lord... (Qur'an, 13:22)***

### Old Testament

Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always! (1 Chronicles 16:11)



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## TO HEAR AND PRACTICE

***Those who listen well to what is said and follow the best of it, they are the ones whom God has guided, they are the people of intelligence. (Qur'an, 39:18)***

***The reply of the believers when they are summoned to God and His Messenger, so that he can judge between them, is to say: "We hear and we obey." They are ones who are successful. (Qur'an, 24:51)***

### New Testament

For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. (Romans 2:13)

## Old Testament

Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds, but would keep His commands. (Psalm 78:7)



## GOD CREATES EVERYTHING WITH A DESTINY

***We have created all things in predestination. Our command is only one word, like the blinking of an eye. (Qur'an, 54:49-50)***

***Have they not reflected within themselves? God did not create the heavens and Earth, and everything between them, except with truth and for a fixed term. Yet many people reject the meeting with their Lord. (Qur'an, 30:8)***

## Old Testament

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it... (Ecclesiastes 3:14)



## EVERYTHING IS RECORDED IN A BOOK

***You do not engage in any matter, recite any of the Qur'an, or do any action without Our witnessing you while you are occupied with it. Not even the smallest speck eludes your Lord, either on Earth or in Heaven. Nor is there anything smaller than that, or larger, which is not in a Clear Book. (Qur'an, 10:61)***

## Old Testament

Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:16)



## NOT KILLING SOMEONE WRONGFULLY

***... [They] do not kill anyone God has made inviolate, except with the right to do so, and do not fornicate; anyone who does that will receive an evil punishment. (Qur'an, 25:68)***

## New Testament

... "Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother." (Mark 10:19)

## Old Testament

You shall not kill. (Exodus 20:13)

O city that brings on herself doom by shedding blood in her midst and defiles herself by making idols, you have become guilty because of the blood you have shed. (Ezekiel 22:3-4)

... There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land. There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Because of this the land mourns... (Hosea 4:1-3)



## FORNICATION

***And do not go near to fornication. It is an indecent act, an evil way. (Qur'an, 17:32)***

### New Testament

He [Jesus] went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly. All of these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'" (Mark 7:20-23)

### Old Testament

You shall not commit adultery. (Exodus 20:14)



## AVOIDING THEFT

***O Prophet! When believing women come to you pledging allegiance to you on the grounds that they will not associate anything with God, steal, fornicate, kill their children, or give a false ascription of paternity-making up lies about their bodies-or disobey you in respect of anything right, then accept their pledge and ask forgiveness for them. God is Ever-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Qur'an, 60:12)***

### Old Testament

"Do not steal... Do not deceive one another." (Leviticus 19:11)



## NOT BEARING FALSE WITNESS

***[Believers are] those who do not bear false witness and who, when they pass by worthless talk, pass by with dignity. (Qur'an, 25:72)***

***O you who believe! Be upholders of justice, bearing witness for God alone, even against yourselves or your parents and relatives... (Qur'an, 4:135)***

### Old Testament

Do not spread false reports. Do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness. Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, and do not show favoritism to a poor man in his lawsuit. (Exodus 23:1-3)

Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent-The Lord detests them both. (Proverbs 17:15)

Now let the fear of the Lord be upon you. Judge carefully, for with the Lord our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery. (2 Chronicles 19:7)



## NOT TO WRONG PEOPLE

***Give relatives their due, and the poor and travellers. That is best for those who seek the pleasure of God. They are the ones who are successful. (Qur'an, 30:38)***

***Give your relatives their due, and the very poor and travellers... (Qur'an, 17:26)***

### Old Testament

Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the Lord. Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. (Leviticus 19:14-15)

He [a righteous man] does not oppress anyone, but returns what he took in pledge for a loan. He does not commit robbery, but gives his food to the hungry and provides clothing for the naked. He does not lend at usury or take excessive interest. He withholds his hand from doing wrong, and judges fairly between man and man. (Ezekiel 18:7-8)



## RESPECTING PARENTS

***Your Lord has decreed that you should worship none but Him and that you should show kindness to your parents. Whether one or both of them reach old age with you, do not say "Ugh!" to them out of irritation and do not be harsh with them, but speak to them with gentleness and generosity. Take them under your wing, out of mercy, with due humility and say: "Lord, show mercy to them as they did in looking after me when I was small." (Qur'an, 17:23-24)***

### Old Testament

Honor your father and your mother... (Exodus 20:12)



## PROTECTING THE NEEDY

***... Any wealth you give away should go to your parents and relatives, and to orphans, the very poor, and travellers. Whatever good you do, God knows it. (Qur'an, 2:215)***

***What reason could you have for not fighting in the Way of God-for those men, women, and children who are oppressed and say: "Our Lord, take us out of this city whose inhabitants are wrongdoers! Give us a protector from You! Give us a helper from You!?" (Qur'an, 4:75)***

### Old Testament

Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt. Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan. If you do and they cry out to Me, I will certainly hear their cry. (Exodus 22:21-23)



Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. (Psalm 82:3-4)

Is not your wickedness great? Are not your sins endless? You demanded security from your brothers for no reason; you stripped men of their clothing, leaving them naked. You gave no water to the weary and you withheld food from the hungry. But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; And the honorable man, he dwelt in it. And you sent widows away empty-handed and broke the strength of the fatherless. (Job 22:5-9)



## TO GIVE AWAY FOR THE SAKE OF GOD

***You will not attain true goodness until you give of what you love. Whatever you give away, God knows it. (Qur'an, 3:92)***

***It [the charity] is for the poor who are held back in the Way of God, unable to travel in the land. The ignorant consider them rich because of their reticence. You will know them by their mark. They do not ask from people insistently. Whatever good you give away, God knows it. (Qur'an, 2:273)***

***They will ask you what they should give away. Say: "Whatever is surplus to your needs." (Qur'an, 2:219)***

### New Testament

...The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same. (Luke 3:11)

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:13)

There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the Apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. (Acts 4:34-35)



## NOT TO BRAG ABOUT SPENDING FOR THE SAKE OF GOD

***And [We have prepared a humiliating punishment] also for those who spend their wealth to show off to people... (Qur'an, 4:38)***

***O you who believe! Do not nullify your charity by demands for gratitude or insulting words, like him who spends his wealth, showing off to people and not believing in God and the Last Day... (Qur'an, 2:264)***

***If you make your charity public, that is good. But if you conceal it and give it to the poor that is better for you... (Qur'an, 2:271)***

### New Testament

Be careful not to do your "acts of righteousness" before men, to be seen by them. (Matthew 6:1)

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth: They have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret... (Matthew 6:2-4)



## THE REWARD FOR DOING GOOD

***Perform prayer and give the alms. Any good you send ahead for yourselves, you will find with God. Certainly God sees what you do. (Qur'an, 2:110)***

### New Testament

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (1 Timothy 6:18-19)



## GOD SUSTAINS

***There is no creature on Earth that is not dependent upon God for its provision. He knows where it lives and where it dies. They are all in a Clear Book. (Qur'an, 11:6)***

***God expands provision to anyone He wills and restricts it. They rejoice in the life of this world. Yet the life of this world, compared to the hereafter, is only fleeting enjoyment. (Qur'an, 13:26)***

### New Testament

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns... Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?... So do not worry, asking: "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:25-27, 31-33)

### Old Testament

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all His ways and loving toward all that He has made. (Psalm 145: 15-17)



## TO REFRAIN FROM VANITY IN WORSHIP

***So woe to those who perform prayer, and are forgetful of their prayer, those who show off (Qur'an, 107:4-6)***

### New Testament

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth: They have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray... (Matthew 6:5-6)

As he taught, Jesus said: "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and, for a show, make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely." (Mark 12:38-40)

### Old Testament

.... You are always on their lips but far from their hearts. (Jeremiah 12:2)



## SINCERE PRAYER

***Call on your Lord humbly and secretly. He does not love those who overstep the limits [that He has established]. (Qur'an, 7:55)***

***Remember your Lord in yourself humbly and fearfully, without loudness of voice, morning and evening. Do not be one of the unaware. (Qur'an, 7:205)***

***He is the Living-there is no god but Him-so call on Him, making your religion sincerely His. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds. (Qur'an, 40:65)***

***O you who believe! Seek help in steadfastness and prayer. God is with the steadfast. (Qur'an, 2:153)***

***"Our Lord, do not take us to task if we forget or make a mistake! Our Lord, do not place on us a load like the one You placed on those before us! Our Lord, do not place on us a load we have not the strength to bear! And pardon us, forgive us, and have mercy on us. You are our Master, so help us against the unbelievers." (Qur'an, 2:286)***

### New Testament

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. (Ephesians 6:18)

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

And [we] will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word. (Acts 6:4)

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them ... This, then, is how you should pray: "... Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." (Matthew 6:7-13)

### Old Testament

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in Your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief. (Psalm 143:1)

I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land. Answer me quickly... Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. Lead me on level ground. . Preserve my life; in Your righteousness, bring me out of trouble. In Your unfailing love, silence my enemies... (Psalm 143:6-12)



## GOD RESPONDS TO PRAYERS

***If My servants ask you about Me, I am near. I answer the call of the caller when he calls on Me. They should therefore respond to Me and believe in Me so that hopefully they will be rightly guided. (Qur'an, 2:186)***

***He Who responds to the oppressed when they call on Him and removes their distress, and has appointed you as inheritors of the land. Is there another god besides God? How little you pay heed! (Qur'an, 27:62)***

### **New Testament**

Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and the door will be opened to him who knocks. (Matthew 7:7-8)

Therefore I tell you: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24)

### **Old Testament**

In your distress you called and I rescued you. I answered you out of a thundercloud. (Psalm 81:7)



## THE FEAR OF GOD

***[Prophets are] those who conveyed God's Message and had fear of Him, fearing no one except God. God suffices as a Reckoner. (Qur'an, 33:39)***

***[People of intelligence are] those who join what God has commanded to be joined and are afraid of their Lord and fear an evil Reckoning. (Qur'an, 13:21)***

***Their sides eschew their beds as they call on their Lord in fear and ardent hope. And they give of what We have provided for them. (Qur'an, 32:16)***

### **Old Testament**

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God. (Job 1:1)

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. (Psalm 19:9-10)

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. (Psalm 2:11)

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways. (Psalm 128:1)



## GOD GIVES INSIGHT TO THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

***O you who believe! If you have fear of God, He will give you a criterion [by which to judge between right and wrong] and erase your bad actions from you and forgive you. God's favor is indeed immense. (Qur'an, 8:29)***

### Old Testament

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise. (Psalm 111:10)



## NOT HOARDING WEALTH

***... As for those who hoard up gold and silver and do not spend it in the Way of God, give them the news of a painful punishment. On the Day it is heated up in the fire of Hell, and their foreheads, sides, and backs are branded with it: "This is what you hoarded for yourselves, so taste what you were hoarding!" (Qur'an, 9:34-35)***

***[He] who has amassed wealth and hoarded it! He thinks his wealth will make him live for ever. No indeed! He will be flung into the Shatterer. And what will convey to you what the Shatterer is? The kindled Fire of God reaching right into the heart. It is sealed in above them in towering columns. (Qur'an, 104:2-9)***

***God expands provision to anyone He wills and restricts it. They rejoice in the life of this world. Yet the life of this world, compared to the Hereafter, is only fleeting enjoyment. (Qur'an, 13:26)***

***Those who are tight-fisted with the bounty God has given them should not suppose that that is better for them. No indeed, it is worse for them! What they were tight-fisted with will be hung around their necks on the Day of Rising. God is the inheritor of the heavens and Earth, and God is aware of what you do. (Qur'an, 3:180)***

### New Testament

[Now listen, you rich people!] Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the Last Days. (James 5:3)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on Earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, Who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (1 Timothy 6:17)

### Old Testament

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? (Ecclesiastes 5:10-11)

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath. (Zephaniah 1:18)

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. (Proverbs 11:3-4)

This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, Who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)



## SHUNNING AVARICE

***God has made a metaphor for them of a man owned by several partners in dispute with one another and another man wholly owned by a single man. Are they the same? Praise be to God! The fact is that most of them do not know. (Qur'an, 39:29)***

***To mankind the love of worldly appetites is painted in glowing colors: women and children, and heaped-up mounds of gold and silver, and horses with fine markings, and livestock and fertile farmland. All of that is merely the enjoyment of the life of this world. The best homecoming is in the presence of God. (Qur'an, 3:14)***

### New Testament

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. (Matthew 6:24)

For the love of money is the root of all evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. (1 Timothy 6:10-11)



## TO BE HUMBLE

***O you who believe! If any of you renounce your religion, God will bring forward a people whom He loves and who love Him, humble to the believers, fierce to the unbelievers, who strive in the Way of God and do not fear the blame of any censurer. That is the unbounded favor of God, which He gives to whoever He wills. God is Boundless, All-Knowing. (Qur'an, 5:54)***

***...Your God is One God, so submit to Him. Give good news to the humble-hearted. (Qur'an, 22:34)***

### New Testament

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)

But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6)

### Old Testament

Hear and pay attention, do not be arrogant, for the Lord has spoken. (Jeremiah 13:15)

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what He commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility... (Zephaniah 2:3)



## ARROGANCE ON EARTH LEADS TO DEBASEMENT IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**He [God] said: "Descend from Heaven [O Iblis(Satan)]. It is not for you to be arrogant in it. So get out! You are one of the abased." (Qur'an, 7:13)**

**Do not strut arrogantly about the land. You will certainly never split the land apart nor will you ever rival the mountains in height. (Qur'an, 17:37)**

**Do not avert your face from people out of haughtiness, and do not strut about arrogantly on the land. God does not love anyone who is vain or boastful. (Qur'an, 31:18)**

### **New Testament**

The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:11-12)

### **Old Testament**

To the arrogant I say: "Boast no more," and to the wicked: "Do not lift up your horns. Do not lift your horns against Heaven; do not speak with outstretched neck." No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt a man. But it is God Who judges: He brings one down, He exalts another. (Psalms 75:4-7)

## SHUNNING WORTHLESS TALK

**When they [believers] hear worthless talk, they turn away from it and say: "We have our actions and you have your actions. Peace be upon you. We do not desire the company of the ignorant." (Qur'an, 28:55)**

**[Believers are] those who do not bear false witness and who, when they pass by worthless talk, pass by with dignity. (Qur'an, 25:72)**

### **New Testament**

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. (1 Timothy 1:5-6)

But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, arguments, and quarrels about the Law, because these are unprofitable and useless. (Titus 3:9)

Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. (2 Timothy 2:16)

### **Old Testament**

Words from a wise man's mouth are gracious, but a fool is consumed by his own lips. At the beginning his words are folly; at the end they are wicked madness-and the fool multiplies words. (Ecclesiastes 10:12-14)

## AVOIDING ARGUMENTS

**When you see people engrossed in mockery of Our Signs, turn from them until they start to talk of other things... (Qur'an, 6:68)**

**... More than anything else, man is argumentative! (Qur'an, 18:54)**

***They retort: "Who is better then, our deities or him?" They only say this to you for argument's sake. They are indeed a disputatious people. (Qur'an, 43:58)***

### **New Testament**

Do not have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. (2 Timothy 2:23)

But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, arguments, and quarrels about the Law, because these are unprofitable and useless. (Titus 3:9)

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 2:24-25)



## **CALLING ON PEOPLE PATIENTLY AND GENTLY**

***Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and fair admonition, and argue with them in the kindest way. Your Lord knows best who is misguided from His way. And He knows best who are guided. (Qur'an, 16:125)***

***It is a mercy from God that you [O Mohammed] were gentle with them. If you had been rough or hard of heart, they would have scattered from around you. So pardon them and ask forgiveness for them, and consult with them about the matter. Then when you have reached a firm decision, put your trust in God. God loves those who put their trust in Him. (Qur'an, 3:159)***

***So remind them [O Mohammed]! You are only a reminder. You are not in control of them. (Qur'an, 88:21-22)***

### **New Testament**

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-with great patience and careful instruction. (2 Timothy 4:2)

Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity. (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men. (Titus 3:1-2)

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you . . . should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. (Galatians 6:1)

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (Ephesians 4:29)



## **TO REPEL A BAD ACTION WITH SOMETHING BETTER**



***A good action and a bad action are not the same. Repel the bad with something better and, if there is enmity between you and someone else, he will be like a bosom friend. (Qur'an, 41:34)***

***[People of intelligence are] those who are steadfast in seeking the face of their Lord, perform prayer and give from the provision We have given them, secretly and openly, and stave off evil with good, it is they who will have the Ultimate Abode. (Qur'an, 13:22)***

### **New Testament**

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9)

... Warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15)



## **TO BE TOLERANT AND FORGIVING**

***Those of you possessing affluence and ample wealth should not make oaths that they will not give to their relatives, the very poor, and those who have migrated in the way of God. They should rather pardon and overlook. Would you not love God to forgive you? God is Ever-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Qur'an, 24:22)***

***[The people who guard against evil are] those who give in times of both ease and hardship, those who control their rage and pardon other people-God loves the good-doers. (Qur'an, 3:134)***

***Say to My servants that they should only say the best. Satan wants to stir up trouble between them. Satan is an outright enemy to man. (Qur'an, 17:53)***

### **New Testament**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:12-13)

### **Old Testament**

A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man conceals shame. (Proverbs 12:16)

A quick-tempered man does foolish things... (Proverbs 14:17)

A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly. (Proverbs 14:29)



## **TO PRACTICE AS ONE PREACHES**

***Do you order people to devoutness and forget yourselves, when you recite the Book? Will you not use your intellect? (Qur'an, 2:44)***

### **New Testament**

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother: "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. (Matthew 7:3-5)

So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? (Romans 2:3)

### TO SAY "GOD WILLING"

***Never say about anything: "I am doing that tomorrow" without adding "if God wills." Remember your Lord when you forget, and say: "Hopefully my Lord will guide me to something closer to right guidance than this." (Qur'an, 18:23-24)***

#### **New Testament**

Now listen, you who say: "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say: "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." (James 4:13-15)

### TO EXCHANGE GREETINGS

***... And when you enter houses, greet one another with a greeting from God, blessed and good.... (Qur'an, 24:61)***

#### **New Testament**

As you enter the home, give it your greeting. (Matthew 10:12)

### NOT TO FEAR AND NOT TO DESPAIR

***[Prophets are] those who conveyed God's Message and fear Him, fearing no one except God. God suffices as a Reckoner. (Qur'an, 33:39)***

***They [Moses and Aaron] said: "Our Lord, we are afraid that he [Pharaoh] might persecute us or overstep the bounds." He said: "Fear not. I will be with you, All-Hearing and All-Seeing." (Qur'an, 20:45-46)***

***[Believers are] those to whom people said: "The people have gathered against you, so fear them." But that merely increased their faith and they said: "God is enough for us and the Best of Guardians." So they returned with blessings and bounty from God, and no evil touched them. They pursued the pleasure of God. God's favor is indeed immense. That was only Satan who intimidated his adherents. But do not fear them-fear Me if you are believers. (Qur'an, 3:173-75)***

#### **New Testament**

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." (1 Peter 3:14)

### Old Testament

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with Us than with him. (2 Chronicles 32:7)



## VIRTUE AND ONE'S FEAR AND AWE OF GOD

***O Children of Adam! We have sent down clothing to you to conceal your private parts, and fine apparel, but the garment of heedfulness-that is best! That is one of God's Signs, so that hopefully you will pay heed. (Qur'an, 7:26)***

### New Testament

[O Women!] Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. (1 Peter 3:3-4)

### Old Testament

... Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)



## TO REFRAIN FROM LYING

***... Have done with the defilement of idols and have done with telling lies. (Qur'an, 22:30)***

### New Testament

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood... (Ephesians 4:25)

### Old Testament

Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another... (Leviticus 19:11)

Do not spread false reports. Do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness.

Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd. (Exodus 23:1-2)



## SOME NATIONS' ENVYING THE PROPHET

***"Has the Reminder been sent down to him out of all of us?" They are in doubt about My Reminder. They have yet to taste My punishment. (Qur'an, 38:8)***

***Their Prophet said to them: "God has appointed Saul to be your king." They said: "How can he have kingship over us when we have much more right to kingship than he does? He has not even got much wealth!" He said: "God has chosen him over you and favored him greatly in knowledge and physical strength. God gives kingship to anyone He wills. God is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing." (Qur'an, 2:247)***

***They say, "Why was this Qur'an not sent down to one of the great men of the two cities?" (Qur'an, 43:31)***

### New Testament

When the Sabbath came, he [Jesus] began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Is this not the carpenter? Is this not Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Are his sisters not here with us?" And they took offense at him. (Mark 6:2-3)



## SOME NATIONS' DEMANDING MIRACLES

***Those who do not believe say [to Mohammed]: "If only a Sign could be sent down to him from his Lord!" You are only a warner. Every people has a guide. (Qur'an, 13:7)***

***They say: "We will not believe you until you make a spring gush out from the ground for us; or have a garden of dates and grapes that you make rivers come pouring through; or make the sky, as you claim, fall down on us in lumps; or bring God and the angels here as a guarantee; or possess a house built out of gleaming gold; or ascend up into Heaven-and even then we will not believe in your ascent unless you bring us down a book to read!" Say: "Glory be to my Lord! Am I anything but a human messenger?" (Qur'an, 17:90-93)***

### New Testament

"Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." (John 4:48)

So they asked him: "What miraculous sign, then, will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" (John 6:30)



## PROPHETS ACCUSED OF BEING POSSESSED

***Equally, no Messenger came to those before them without their saying: "A magician or a madman!" Did they bequeath this to each other? Indeed, they are an unbridled people. (Qur'an, 51:52-53)***

### New Testament

When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him [Jesus], for they said: "He is out of his mind." And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said: "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." (Mark 3:21-22)



## PROPHETS DO NOT SPEAK FROM WHIM

***Your companion is not misguided or misled; nor does he speak from whim. It is nothing but Revelation revealed, taught him by One immensely strong. (Qur'an, 53:2-5)***

***...[Khidr said,] I did not do it of my own volition. (Qur'an, 18:82)***

### New Testament

By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but Him Who sent me. (John 5:30)

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:19-21)

### Old Testament

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put My words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. (Deuteronomy 18:18)



## THE IMPERMANENCE OF THIS LIFE

***The life of this world is nothing but a game and a diversion. The abode of the Hereafter-that is truly Life, if they only knew. (Qur'an, 29:64)***

### Old Testament

We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on Earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. (1 Chronicles 29:15)



## THE UNBELIEVERS WILL BE RESURRECTED BLIND

***Those who are blind in this world will be blind in the Hereafter and even further off the Path. (Qur'an, 17:72-73)***

***But if anyone turns away from My reminder, his life will be a dark and narrow one, and on the Day of Rising We will gather him blind. (Qur'an, 20:124)***

### Old Testament

I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord. (Zephaniah 1:17)



## JUDGMENT

***And the Hour is coming without any doubt, and God will raise up all those in the graves. (Qur'an, 22:7)***

***When Earth is flattened out and disgorges what is inside it and empties out, hearkening to its Lord as it is bound to do! O Man! You are toiling laboriously toward your Lord, but meet Him you will! As for him who is given his Book in his right hand, he will be given an easy reckoning and return to his family joyfully. But as for him who is given his Book behind his back, he will cry out for destruction but will be roasted in a Searing Blaze. (Qur'an, 84:3-12)***

***The Trumpet will be blown, and those in the heavens and those in the ground will all lose consciousness, except those whom God wills. Then it will be blown a second time, and at once they will be standing upright, looking on. And Earth will shine with the Pure Light of its Lord, the Book will be put in place. The Prophets and witnesses will be brought; it will be decided between them with the truth, and they will not be wronged. Every self will be repaid in full for what it did. He knows best what they are doing. (Qur'an, 39:68-70)***

### New Testament

And [they will] come out-those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:29)

### Old Testament

The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. (Obadiah 1:15)



## EVERYONE WILL BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT

***You have come to Us all alone, just as We created you at first, leaving behind you everything We bestowed on you. We do not see your intercessors accompanying you, those you claimed were your partners with God. The link between you is cut. Those you made such claims for have forsaken you. (Qur'an, 6:94)***

### New Testament

So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:12)



## GOD WILL BE FAIR WITH EVERYONE

***You will see every nation on its knees, every nation summoned to its Book: "Today you will be repaid for what you did." (Qur'an, 45:28)***

***Fear a Day when you will be returned to God. Then every self will be paid in full for what it earned. They will not be wronged. (Qur'an, 2:281)***

### New Testament

God will give to each person according to what he has done. To those who, by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. (Romans 2:6-8)

### Old Testament

The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. (Obadiah 1:15)



## WORLDLY WEALTH WILL NOT BENEFIT PEOPLE IN THE HEREAFTER

***As for those who do not believe, their wealth and children will not help them against God in any way. They are fuel for the Fire. (Qur'an, 3:10)***

### Old Testament

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath. (Zephaniah 1:18)



## THE APPOINTED TIME

***If God were to punish people for their wrong actions, not a single creature would be left upon Earth, but He defers them till a predetermined time. When their specified time arrives, they cannot delay it for a single hour nor can they bring it forward. (Qur'an, 16:61)***

***Your Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the Possessor of Mercy. If He had taken them to task for what they have earned, He would have hastened their punishment. Instead, they have a promised appointment and they will not find any refuge from it. (Qur'an, 18:58)***

### New Testament

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)



## PERSECUTIONS DONE TO MESSENGERS AND BELIEVERS

***We sent Messengers before you among the disparate groups of previous peoples. No Messenger came to them without their mocking him. (Qur'an, 15:10-11)***

***And if you deny it, nations before you also denied the truth. The Messenger is only responsible for clear transmission. (Qur'an, 29:18)***

***When those who do not believe were plotting against you to imprison you or to kill you or to expel you: they planned and God planned, but God is the Best of Planners. (Qur'an, 8:30)***

***When the believers saw the Confederates they said: "This is what God and His Messenger promised us. God and His Messenger told us the truth." It only increased them in faith and in submission. (Qur'an, 33:22)***

### New Testament

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:10-12)

Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On My account, you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. (Matthew 10:17-18)

... They called the Apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The Apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the name [of Jesus]. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. (Acts 5:40-42)

## Old Testament

"Your enemies will be clothed in shame, and the tents of the wicked will be no more." (Job 8:22)



## THE REWARD OF THOSE WHO MIGRATE FOR GOD'S SAKE

***As for those who migrate for God's sake after being wronged, We shall give them good lodging in this world, and the reward of the Hereafter is greater still, if they only knew. (Qur'an, 16:41)***

***Those who believe and have migrated and striven in the Way of God, and those who have given refuge and help, they are the true believers. They will have forgiveness and generous provision. (Qur'an, 8:74)***

***Their Lord responds to them: "I will not let the deeds of any doer among you go to waste, male or female-you are both the same in that respect. Those who migrated and were driven from their homes, and suffered harm in My Way and fought and were killed, I will erase their bad actions from them and admit them into Gardens with rivers flowing under them, as a reward from God. The best of all rewards is with God." (Qur'an, 3:195)***

## New Testament

"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the Gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields-and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. (Mark 10:29-30)

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well... (2 Thessalonians 1:5-7)



## BELIEVERS ARE FEW IN NUMBER

***But most people, for all your eagerness, are not believers. (Qur'an, 12:103)***

***Alif Lam Mim Ra. Those are the Signs of the Book. And what has been sent down to you from your Lord is the Truth. But most people do not believe. (Qur'an, 13:1)***

***If you obeyed most of those on Earth, they would misguide you from God's Way. They follow nothing but conjecture. They are only guessing. (Qur'an, 6:116)***



## New Testament

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)



## GOD CHOOSES BELIEVERS

**Say: "Praise be to God and peace be upon His servants, whom He has chosen." Is God better, or what you associate with Him? (Qur'an, 27:59)**

## New Testament

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

## Old Testament

... Your God has chosen them to minister and to pronounce blessings in the name of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 21:5)



## GOD'S GIFT TO BELIEVERS

**. Do not say: "You are not a believer" to someone who greets you as a Muslim, simply out of desire for the goods of this world. With God there is booty in abundance. That is the way you were before, but God has been kind to you... (Qur'an, 4:94)**

## New Testament

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

## Old Testament

When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in Latter Days you will return to the Lord your God and obey Him. For the Lord your God is a merciful God; He will not abandon or destroy you, or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which He confirmed to them by oath. (Deuteronomy 4:30-31)



## NO WORLDLY OCCUPATION PREVENTS BELIEVERS FROM SEEKING GOD'S GOOD PLEASURE

**[They are] not distracted by trade or commerce from the remembrance of God, the establishment of prayer, and the payment of alms; fearing a day when all hearts and eyes will be in turmoil. (Qur'an, 24:37)**

## New Testament

... It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. (Acts 6:2)



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### TO BE WITH BELIEVERS

***Restrain yourself patiently with those who call on their Lord morning and evening, desiring His face. Do not turn your eyes from them, desiring the attractions of this world. And do not obey someone whose heart We have made neglectful of Our remembrance, who follows his own whims and desires, and whose life has transgressed all bounds. (Qur'an, 18:28)***

## New Testament

... Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22)



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### THE BROTHERHOOD OF BELIEVERS

***Hold fast to the rope of God all together, and do not separate. Remember God's blessing to you when you were enemies and He joined your hearts together so that you became brothers by His blessing. You were on the very brink of a pit of the Fire, and He rescued you from it. In this way God makes His Signs clear to you, so that hopefully you will be guided. (Qur'an, 3:103)***

***The male and female believers are friends of one another. They command what is right and forbid what is wrong, perform prayer and give the alms, and obey God and His Messenger. (Qur'an, 9:71)***

## New Testament

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)

Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother. (Mark 3:35)



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### TO BE STEADFAST IN GOD'S RELIGION

***As for those who hold fast to the Book and perform prayer, We will not let the wage of the righteous be wasted. (Qur'an, 7:170)***

***So hold fast to what has been revealed to you. You are on a straight path. (Qur'an, 43:43)***

***Hold fast to the rope of God all together, and do not separate. Remember God's blessing to you... (Qur'an, 3:103)***

## New Testament

So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

He [an overseer] must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:9)



## A BELIEVER'S LIFE AND DEATH ARE FOR GOD

**Say: "My prayer and my rites, my living and my dying, are for God alone, the Lord of all the worlds." (Qur'an, 6:162)**

**Those who, when disaster strikes them, say: "We belong to God, and to Him we will return." (Qur'an, 2:156)**

### New Testament

For none of us lives to himself alone, and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Romans 14:7-8)



## SHUNNING THE ANCESTORS' RELIGION

**When they are told: "Follow what God has sent down to you," they say: "We are following what we found our fathers doing." What, even though their fathers did not understand a thing and were not guided! (Qur'an, 2:170)**

### New Testament

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.

And he [Jesus] said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!" (Mark 7:8-9)

### Old Testament

"They have returned to the sins of their forefathers, who refused to listen to My words. They have followed other deities to serve them..." (Jeremiah 11:10)



## NOT TO BE DIVIDED IN RELIGION

**He has laid down the same religion for you as He enjoined on Noah: that which We have revealed to you and which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: "Establish the religion and do not make divisions in it"... (Qur'an, 42:13)**

**[Idolaters are] those who split up their religion and form into sects, each faction exulting in what they have. (Qur'an, 30:32)**

**Those who were given the Book did not divide into sects until after the Clear Sign came to them. (Qur'an, 98:4)**

***Obey God and His Messenger and do not quarrel among yourselves, lest you lose heart and your momentum disappear. And be steadfast. God is with the steadfast. (Qur'an, 8:46)***

### **New Testament**

... All of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Corinthians 1:10)



## **MAN'S CREATION**

***We created man from the purest kind of clay, then made him a drop in a secure receptacle, then formed the drop into a clot, formed the clot into a lump, formed the lump into bones, clothed the bones in flesh, and then brought him into being as another creature. Blessed be God, the Best of Creators! (Qur'an, 23:12-14)***

### **Old Testament**

Your hands shaped me and made me... Remember that You molded me like clay... [Did you not] clothe me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews? (Job 10:8-11)

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4)

I am just like you before God; I too have been taken from clay. (Job 33:6)



## **THE SELFISH SELF WILL ALWAYS COMMAND EVIL**

***And [I swear by] the self and what proportioned it, with depravity or consciousness of God, he who purifies it has succeeded. (Qur'an, 91:7-9)***

***But people are prone to selfish greed. If you do good and guard against evil, God is aware of what you do. (Qur'an, 4:128)***

***[Joseph said,] I do not say my self was free from blame. The self indeed commands to evil acts-except for those my Lord has mercy on. (Qur'an, 12:53)***

### **New Testament**

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its evil desires. (Romans 6:12)

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:19-21)

He [Jesus] went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'" (Mark 7:20-23)



## BAD CHARACTER TRAITS

***But do not obey any vile swearer of oaths, any backbiter, slandermonger, impeder of good, evil aggressor, or gross, coarse and, furthermore, despicable person, simply because he possesses wealth and sons. When Our Signs are recited to him, he says: "Just myths of previous peoples!" (Qur'an, 68:10-15)***

***An evil generation succeeded them who neglected the prayer and followed their appetites. They will plunge into the Valley of Evil. (Qur'an, 19:59)***

### New Testament

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, slanderers ... insolent, arrogant, and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (Romans 1:29-31)

### Old Testament

They would not be like their forefathers—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to Him. (Psalm 78:8)

Suppose he has a violent son who sheds blood or does any of these other things (though the father has done none of them): He eats at the mountain shrines, defiles his neighbor's wife, oppresses the poor and needy, commits robbery, does not return what he took in pledge, and looks to the idols. He does detestable things. (Ezekiel 18:10-12)

He thwarts the plans of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success. He catches the wise in their craftiness, and the schemes of the wily are swept away. (Job 5:12-13)



## THE INCREASING INSENSITIVITY OF ONE'S EYES, EARS, AND HEARTS

***They say [to Mohammed]: "Our hearts are covered up against what you call us to, and there is a heaviness in our ears. There is a screen between us and you. So act—we are certainly acting." (Qur'an, 41:5)***

***God has sealed up their hearts and hearing, and over their eyes is a blindfold. They will have a terrible punishment. (Qur'an, 2:7)***

***Some of them listen to you, but We have placed covers on their hearts, preventing them from understanding it, and heaviness in their ears. Though they see every Sign, they still have no faith, so that when they come to you, disputing with you, those who do not believe say: "This is nothing but the myths of previous peoples!" (Qur'an, 6:25)***

***We created many of the jinn and humanity for Hell. They have hearts with which they do not understand. They have eyes with which they do not see. They have ears with which they do not hear. Such people are like cattle. No, they are even further astray! They are the unaware. (Qur'an, 7:179)***

### New Testament

"For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them." (Matthew 13:15)

Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?... (Mark 8:18)

Go to this people and say: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving." For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn... (Acts 28:26-27)



### DENIERS THINK THEY ARE SMART

***When they are told: "Believe in the way that the people believe," they say: "What! Are we to believe in the way that fools believe?" No indeed! They are the fools, but they do not know it. (Qur'an, 2:13)***

#### New Testament

Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools. (Romans 1:22)



### DEBASEMENT OF THE UNBELIEVERS

***No self can believe except with God's permission. He places a blight on those who do not use their intellect. (Qur'an, 10:100)***

#### New Testament

Therefore God gave them over, through the sinful desires of their hearts, to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. (Romans 1:24)



### NOT TO BEFRIEND THOSE WITH A BAD CHARACTER

***You will not find people who believe in God and the Last Day having love for anyone who opposes God and His Messenger, though they be their fathers, their sons, their brothers, or their clan. God has inscribed faith upon such people's hearts, will reinforce them with a Spirit from Him, and admit them into Gardens with rivers flowing under them, remaining in them timelessly, forever. God is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. Such people are the party of God. Truly, it is the party of God that is successful. (Qur'an, 58:22)***

***God merely forbids you from taking as friends those who have fought you in the religion, driven you from your homes, and supported your expulsion. Any who take them as friends are wrongdoers. (Qur'an, 60:9)***

#### New Testament

But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. (1 Corinthians 5:11)

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore, do not be partners with them. (Ephesians 5:3, 6-7)

## ONE DAY IN GOD'S PRESENCE IS LIKE ONE THOUSAND YEARS FOR US

***They ask you to hasten the punishment. God will not break His promise. A day with your Lord is equivalent to a thousand years in the way you count. (Qur'an, 22:47)***

### New Testament

... With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:8-9)

## NO ONE WILL BEAR ANOTHER PERSON'S SINS

***Whoever is guided is only guided to his own good. Whoever is misguided is only misguided to his detriment. No burden-bearer can bear another's burden. We never punish until We have sent a Messenger. (Qur'an, 17:15)***

### Old Testament

The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against him. (Ezekiel 18:20)

## PEOPLE ARE PUNISHED FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE

***Any disaster that strikes you is through what your own hands have earned, and He pardons much. (Qur'an, 42:30)***

### Old Testament

What has happened to us is a result of our evil deeds and our great guilt, and yet, our God, you have punished us less than our sins have deserved and have given us such deliverance as this. (Ezra 9:13)

## TRUST IN GOD

***If God helps you, no one can vanquish you. If He forsakes you, who can help you after that? So the believers should put their trust in God. (Qur'an, 3:160)***

***O you who believe! Remember God's blessing to you when certain people were on the verge of raising their hands against you and He held their hands back from you. Heed God. The believers should put their trust in God. (Qur'an, 5:11)***

## Old Testament

He [Uzziah] sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success. (2 Chronicles 26:5)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you. (Psalm 84:12)



## GOD STRAIGHTENS OUT THE PATHS

***It rests with God alone to show you the right path: yet there is [many a one] who swerves from it. If He had wished, He could have guided every one of you. (Qur'an, 16:9)***

## Old Testament

[I]n all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:6)



## THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

***[Man asks]: "So when is the Day of Resurrection?" But when the eyesight is dazzled, and the moon is eclipsed, and the sun and moon are fused together, on that Day man will ask: "Where can I run?" No indeed! There will be no safe place. (Qur'an, 75:6-11)***

***When the stars are extinguished, when Heaven is split open, when the mountains are pulverised, and when the Messengers' time is appointed. (Qur'an, 77:8-11)***

***The Hour is coming, but I have concealed it so that every self can be repaid for its efforts. (Qur'an, 20:15)***

***They will ask you about the Hour: When is it due? Say: "Knowledge of it rests with my Lord alone. He alone will reveal it at its proper time. It hangs heavy in the heavens and Earth. It will not come upon you except suddenly." They will ask you as if you had full knowledge of it. Say: "Knowledge of it rests with God alone. But most people do not know that." (Qur'an, 7:187)***

***On the Day the sky is like molten brass and the mountains like tufts of colored wool. No good friend will ask about his friend. (Qur'an, 70:8-10)***

***When Heaven is split apart and goes red like dregs of oil. (Qur'an, 55:37)***

## New Testament

But in those days, following that distress, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky... (Mark 13:24-25)

Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. (Mark 13:33)

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness, and the anxieties of life, and that Day will close on you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole Earth. (Luke 21:34-35)



... The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and Earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the Day of God and speed its coming. That Day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. (2 Peter 3:10-12)

## Old Testament

... For the Day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. (Joel 3:14-15)

. The Day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty. Because of this, all hands will go limp, every man's heart will melt. Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame. See, the Day of the Lord is coming—a cruel Day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light. (Isaiah 13:6-10)

Alas for that Day! For the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty. (Joel 1:15)

The great Day of the Lord is near—near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the Day of the Lord will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. That Day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. (Zephaniah 1:14-15)